पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष कुमार गंगवार) (क) एक विवरण संलग्न है **(नीचे देखिए)**

(ख) और (ग) सरकार ने कुछ तेल कंपनियों के पुनर्गठन की आवश्यकता के जांच के उद्देश्य से एक समिति का गठन किया है।

(घ) और (ङ) जो एन जी सी तथा ओ आई एल ने अधिक संख्या के अन्वेषी कूपों तथा के जी कावेरी, कैम्बे, असम तथा बम्बई-अपतटीय बेसिनों में अधिक संख्या में त्रिआयामी भूकंपीय सर्वेक्षण करने के उद्देश्य से अपनी नौवी योजना को नया रूप दिया है

भारत सरकार ने हाल ही में गुजरात-कच्छ अपतट, राजस्थान, कैम्बे अपतट, कृष्णा-गोदावरी (अपतट तथा तटवर्ती) असम तथा त्रिपुरा क्षेत्रों में स्थित 14 अन्वेषण खंडों के लिए अनुबंध पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं। इन क्षेत्रों में अन्वेषण कार्य शीघ्र शुरू होने की संभावना है।

(च) सरकार ने एन०ई०एल०पी० के प्रथम दौर में निम्नलिखित बेसिनों में 48 अन्वेषण खंड प्रस्तुत किए हैं:—

जमीनी: असम-अराकान, बंगाल-पूर्णिया गंगा घाटी, राजस्थान।

अपतटीय: (400 मी० गहराई तक) बंगाल, महानदी, कृष्णा-गोदावरी, पालार, कावेरी, गुजरात-कच्छ, भारत का दक्षिणी छोर, केरल-कोंकण, मुंबई सौराष्ट्र कच्छ।

अपतटीय (गहन जल) 400 मी० से अधिक जल गहराई: कावेरी, पालार, के०जी० महानदी तथा उत्तर-पूर्वी तट।

(छ) इन खंडों की तेल उत्पादन संभाव्यता का निर्धारण हाइड्रोकार्बनों की खोज के बाद ही किया जाएगा।

विवरण

निम्नलिखित क्षेत्रों में अन्वेषण कार्य प्रगति पर है:—

× राजस्थान

× कैम्बे बेसिन जमीनी तथा अपतटीय

× कावेरी बेसन जमीनी तथा अपतटीय

× कृष्णा-गोदावरी बेसिन जमीनी तथा अपतटीय

× बंगाल बेसिन

× ऊपरी असम तथा असम-अराकान फोल्ड पट्टी

× बम्बई अपतटीय बेसिन

× पश्चिम तट अपतटीय का केरल-कोंकण बेसिन

× पश्चिम और पूर्व तट का गहन जल

× हिमालय की तलहटी

× विंध्य तथा सतपुड़ा बेसिन

× गंगा बेसिन

× सौराष्ट्र अपतटीय बेसिन

× गुजरात-कच्छ अपतटीय

Technique for refining Crude Oil in the country

1045. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to non-availability of proper technique the crude oil produced in the country is sent to other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of crude oil of such quality sent to other countries during each of the last three years;

(d) whether Government have taken any action so far, for refining such crude oil in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSHH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (c) There was no export of crude oil during the last three years.

(b) and (e) Does not arise.

Deep Sea Drilling of the Godavari-Krishna Coast

1046. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC has undertaken deep sea drilling off the Godwari-Krishna coast;

(b) if so, the result of the drilling till date and cost thereof;

(c) whether it is commercially viable to further exploit that basin at the current prices; and

(d) the details of the study made in that regard and the drilling programme proposed by Government off the Godavari Krishna basin;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The drilling activities have been undertaken in three prospects in deep water areas of K.G. basin at an estimated cost of Rs. 90.70 crores. Two exploratory wells have been drilled out of which one has been found to be hydrocarbon bearing. The third well is under drilling.

(c) The commercial viability of the prospect would be assessed depending on its size, established reserves, rate of return etc.

(d) Based on interpretation of 2D & 3D seismic data, two more locations have been identified for drilling and one location is under drilling.

Government of India has offered 5 deep water blocks falling in K.G. Basin for exploration under New Exploration Licensing Policy.

Case on Diesel

1047. HRI Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:
SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH:
SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to impose Rupee one cess on diesel to fund highway project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, how will resources be found for financing 7200 km. highway project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (c) In the Union Budget 1999-2000, an additional duty of Re. 1/litre on imported and domestic HSD has been imposed w.e.f. the midnight of 27th/28th February, 1999. It has been proposed to allocate half of the duty to support the initiatives in rural development and social sectors. The other portion of 50 paise of this duty as also the duty of Re. 1 per litre leived with effect from 2.6.1998 will be converted into a statutory cess and transferred to the Central Road Fund. 30% of the Fund will be transferred to the State Governments for development and maintenance of State Roads. The balance amount will be utilised for development and maintenance of National highways and express-ways and by the Ministry of Railways for construction of Railways over-bridges and Railways safety works at unmanned Railways crossings.

Oil Expolration West Bengal

1048. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRIMATI CHANDRAKAL PANDEY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item "Package for Bengal announced" appearing in Business Standard, Calcutta dated 11th Febrary, 1999 regarding oil exploration work in eight fields in West Bengal.

(b) if so, the location of the fields identified in West Bengal;

(c) whether exploration work would start by 10th May in all the fields simultaneously; if so, the details of the mobilisation work undertaken so far by ONGC; and

(d) the estimated completion period for test drilling and production testing in each field?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a)